

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claims 1 - 7 were submitted to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and are presently pending in this application. Accordingly, each of the following claims are “original” for purposes of this U.S. application.

1. (Original) A windscreen wiper (10) which includes a unitary elongate curved beam (12), and a rubber blade (14) mounted to the beam (12), the beam (12) having a protective end formation (16) at at least one of its tips (18), characterised therein that the end formation (16) comprises a deformed end portion of the beam (12), which projects beyond an end portion of the rubber blade (14).

2. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterised therein that the beam (12) has a pair of end formations (16), one at each tip (18).

3. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 2, characterised therein that each end portion has been deformed by being folded over.

4. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 2, characterised therein that each end portion has been folded back on itself.

5. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterised therein that the curved beam (12) has a varying width and thickness, along its length.

6. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterised therein that the beam (12) has a free form curvature in a plane.

7. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterised therein that the beam (12) has a compound curvature.